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Preserving Family Memorabilia Topic of Fall Meeting

Although the letters great grandfather wrote home while he served in the Civil War have been kept by the family, they're folded within their envelopes, and the paper is brittle. How can they be opened so you can read them? How can you mend a torn page of a family record in the Family Bible? Is it safe to store family photographs in the basement? These are questions you may have in your effort to preserve family keepsakes. Janet T. Riemer, guest speaker at the HCHS Fall Meeting will offer advice on these and similar problems.

Mrs. Riemer is the preservationist in Special Collections and Archives, Rutgers University Libraries, where she is charge of the preservation laboratory. She deals daily with various problems – dirt, mildew, tears, brittle paper, etc. Sharing some of her techniques with us, Mrs. Riemer will demonstrate paper flattening and mending and encapsulation of fragile paper for protection and will further illustrate her program with slides. She will respond to questions from the audience as time permits after her talk.

Historical Society programs are open to the public. Join us at the Flemington Womens Club at 2 p.m. on November 18. Through the generosity of member George Melick cider and doughnuts will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.



1990-1991 Calendar

- Nov. 18, 1990 FALL MEETING** Hunterdon County Historical Society Flemington Womens Club 2 p.m.
"Preserving Family Memorabilia" – Janet T. Riemer, speaker
For information call 201-782-1091
- April 7, 1991 ANNUAL MEETING** Hunterdon County Historical Society
- April 1991** 2nd Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
- June 1991** **SPRING MEETING** Open House
Tour South Branch River
(Flemington Junction) Historic District



Titus family album

Thirteen year old Tip Titus, and his master, George E. Titus, age 51, photographed May 1906.

HCHS Photograph Collection

Acquisitions

Artifacts, manuscripts, histories, genealogies and other materials representative of the history of Hunterdon County and the families who resided here are welcome additions to the Historical Society collections. To the recent donors of materials listed below the Society expresses appreciation.

Collection of glass bottles used by Flemington physicians and veterinarians to dispense medicines, including E. B. Allen, J. M. Bellis & Son, Dr. I. Cramer, Franklin C. Burk, Frank E. Green, J. Sherman Cooley, and Higgins Pharmacy. Donated by Mrs. Arthur Pressman, Flemington, NJ.

Sixteen scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings about Hunterdon County arranged by placenames. Donated by Janice Nusbaum, Morristown, New Jersey Family History Center.

Isaac Allerton of the Mayflower and His Descendants for Four Generations compiled by Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, published by General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1990. Donated by New Jersey Society of Mayflower Descendants, Mrs. Phyllis Hansen, Secretary, Westfield, NJ.

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NOTES AND QUERIES

Address correspondence to Genealogical Committee. Listings of ten lines free to members, 25 cents per line over ten; non-member rate is 25 cents per line.

Remember to enclose a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) with genealogical correspondence if you anticipate a reply.

LISK: Wish to exchange any data on the surname Lisk anytime, anywhere. ADD: H. J. Lisk, 4745 Glenway Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45238.

CLARK, HAGER. PIATT, RICHIE, SINCLAIR VAN CAMP: Seek info re these families and descendants. Jeremiah Clark m. Margaret Richie, lived Holland Twp. NJ & Haycock Twp., PA. Enos Clark, their son, m. Mary Hager, lived Holland, NJ. Peter Sinclair settled in Musconetcong Valley ca. 1750. Son Samuel m. Permelia Van Camp. Both fam. in Hunterdon County for 200+ years. ADD: Lorretta Zurn-Sinclair, P. O. Box 192, Inyokern, CA 93527.

BARBER, COVENHOVEN, FELMLEY, HUGHES, LONGSTEET, SEIDEL(L)S, TEN BROECK: Looking for par/o: James O. Hughes, b. 1 Feb 1830, d. 1 May 1896 Clinton, NJ and wife Lydia O. Barber, m. 1 Feb. 1852, dau/o Robert and Sarah Barber; David Felmley and Sophia Sidells(Seidel?) who m. 9 Apr 1786 in Hunt. Co. Aaron Longstreet was s/o James and Elizabeth [Ten Broeck] Longstreet. Were James's par John and Ann [Covenhoven] Longstreet? ADD: Barbara W. Austin, 25 Park Rd., Dayton, OH 45419.

ENT: Des info re ANYONE with the surname ENT. Alternate spelling End, Endt. Data on disk okay. Compiling family history. Will exch info. ADD: Wendie Ent Gout, SHAPE - SECCPS-Secretariat, APO NY 09055-5000.

CARKHUFF, LEIGH, SMITH, VAN VORHEES, VOORHIES: Seek info re Joseph Carkhuff b. 1807, m. 1829 to Jemima Smith

b. 1810. Were Jemima's par Jacob Smith and Catharine Voorhies (Van Vorhees)? Also info re Emily Leigh b. 1841, d. 1894, dau-in-law of Joseph Carkhuff, wife of his son Amos. ADD: Emily Durham, 13991 E. Marina Dr., 307, Aurora, 80014.

HUNTER/JAGER/YAUGER/YAWGER, PUGH: All correspondence with Yawger/Yauger is welcome, especially Yawger-Hunter connections in Greene and Fayette Counties, PA. Seek ancestry of Hugh Pugh/Pew of Walpeck, NJ 1738, later Minisink NJ and Smithfield, PA. ADD: John D. Baldwin, 2597 Hampshire, Cleveland, OH 44106.

VAN BUSKIRK: Wanted: info re the Van Buskirk family in Hunterdon Co. Thomas, b. 1688, bought 500 acres in Readington in 1735. He lived there until his death in 1748 (NJ Wills S:539). He had many sons who also liv. Hunt.: Peter, b. 1702, Isaac b. 1709, Michael b. 1721, John b. 1723?. Peter bought land in Lebanon Twp. ca. 1740 and lived there until his death in 1778 (NJ Wills S:536). John, Isaac & Michael left Hunt. Co ca. 1760 for Loudon and Frederick Co. VA. Van Buskirks were Lutheran, although other churches may enter into this mystery. If anyone can supply info for 1735-1770 period, please write. ADD: Robert Van Buskirk, 5432 University Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219. 317-359-6907.

MELICK, TRIMMER: Searching for info from 18th century Trimmer German Bibles of Johannes and Matthias et al. Wish to correspond with descendants of my great uncle Peter Whitfield Melick of New Germantown, brother of my Susan Melick Trimmer (see Chambers Early Germans of New Jersey, p.537). ADD: Dr. Robert W. Trimmer, 20410 Bargene Way, Germantown, MD 20874.

BUDD: For information contact: ADD: Budd Family Association, M. E. Carlisle, Secretary, 700 Carol Ave., Ocean, NJ 07712.

HAMLIN, HILL, ROBINS/ROBBINS: Seek info re par/o Jonathan Robbins who m. Effy Hamlin, b. 11 Aug 1763, dau/o Thomas Hamlin [1 Feb 1729-28 Dec 1810 Sussex Co. NJ] and his wife Sarah Hills Hamlin. ADD: Mrs. Don Robbins, R. 3, Box 53, Delphih, IN 46923.

McCREA: Seek birthpl, par, sib/o Edgar/Edward McCrea b. 16 Sept 1839 Hunt. Co NJ. Also John McCrea b. ca. 1817 NJ. ADD: Robert D. Jaeger, Rt. 2, Box 138, Beatrice, NE 68310.

DOAN, EVES, LUNDY, PARKERS, PATTERSON, PHILLIPS: Wm Phillips, s/o Wm & Mary, m. Hannah Patterson, dau/o John & Mary Doan, on 1/18/1795 at Quakertown MM, Hunt. Co. Who were par/o Wm & Mary Phillips and John Patterson (d. Greenwich Twp. bef 1795). Wm. Sr. d. Fishing Creek Twp., Northumberland Co. PA. Siblings intermarried with Lundy, Eves & Parkers. ADD: Linka Pliska, 5757 McCarthy Ct., West Chester, OH 45069.



WPA – Works Progress Administration

The New Deal Program of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was instituted after his election following the Wall Street Crash of 1929. Faced with a nation suffering an economic depression, Roosevelt's program was supposed to bring help for farmers, new laws for railroads, better control of public utilities, new banking laws, and strict regulation of the stock market. "More important, he promised to help 'the forgotten man at the bottom of the economic pyramid'."

"The Works Progress Administration (WPA) established in May of 1935 was the most famous of all the relief agencies. It furnished money for a wide variety of work, not only for laborers but for skilled workers of all kinds, including writers, artists, actors, and musicians. The purpose of the WPA was to enable highly trained men and women to make a living, and to save their skill and self-respect.

In Hunterdon County, the program was initiated on 13 August 1935 when Sidney Smith, an engineer connected with the WPA, met with the Board of Chosen Freeholders to discuss possible projects for which the County might obtain federal aid. Mrs. McCall, a representative from the WPA office in Morristown appeared before the board in regard to women's projects that might be started in the County to place unemployed women to work.

Suggested projects included Camp McMahon, Aviation Booster Clubs, various road repairs, a Sewing Circle, a Recreation program, Visiting Housekeepers, a Nutrition program, finger printing, a county base map project, filing of old public records and plotting of old road returns.

A meeting was set for early September to which county residents were invited. The Freeholders wanted to get the feeling of the public about the suggested road projects. In particular attendance were the persons who most heavily used the roads – dairy farmers and rural mail carriers – who apparently endorsed the program. Mr. J. Francis Moroney, District Director of the WPA, outlined the various projects that would be undertaken for the roads, such as cleaning out ditches so that the water could flow off the roads more easily, cutting bushes at the edges of the road, filling pot holes with stone, and then covering the road with road oil. Hopefully, these steps would make the roads passable year round.

In order to place unemployed women in work and supply clothing for the needy, the Womens Sewing Circle was begun under the leadership of Mrs. Allegar. Each township paid at least \$5.00 towards the fabric and other supplies receiving a proportionate number of pieces of clothing for the poor. The Circle was allotted a shop on the 3rd floor of the Killgore House which was torn down when the Administration Building was built.

On 6 November 1935 funds were released for the following beginning projects:

Road work in Union Township	\$3480
Repairs at school	\$2550
Construction of a sanitary sewer in Clinton .	\$4058
Park improvements in Hampton	\$2438
Total:	\$16,099

Other projects that were operated under funds distributed by the WPA were the Health Promotional Project, the Nutrition Project, the Visiting Housekeepers Project (which provided additional help in homes where the housewife was temporarily incapacitated due to illness and which was allotted over \$16,000 for operating expenses), and the Recreational Project which was under the direction of A. Parker Terhune, County Director.

Mr. Terhune appeared before the Board of Chosen Freeholders in February 1936 to request the appointment of a Probation Officer in the County. He felt that the officer could help Mr. Terhune achieve his goal of keeping the children from being delinquent or from being problem children by using the WPA funds to set up various recreational projects throughout the county.

Camp McMahon, a federal camp for transients, was in the Barrens, near Pittstown, Alexandria Township. According to the late Edward H. Quick, the camp lay on the west side of the road from Mechlins Corner to Palmyra between the intersection at Mechlins Corner and the intersection of Neilsons' Corner. Quickie said, "It used to be called Camp Techumseh which was a summer camp for kids." The men had to live in a camp in order to receive wages of \$9.50 every two weeks.

There was also a CCC camp at Clinton Point "where the men, from all over the state, lived in bungalows and were trucked to work sites," said Mr. Quick. The Civilian Conservation Corps was established in March of 1933 to provide useful work and training for unemployed young men between the ages of eighteen and twenty five. It appears that men from both these camps worked on the county road projects.

Late in 1935 communication was received from Fred C. Stone, of Bloomsbury, District Engineer WPA, giving the schedule and specification of the road project in Franklin Township – the Oak Grove-Grange Hall to Baptisttown Road. Approval for this road was not received until 1 April 1937. One of the next roads to receive attention was the Everittstown-Bunker Hill Road in Alexandria Township. The township committee received permission from the Freeholders to borrow a roller and two trucks when needed from the County Road Department.

Later in the same month A. B. Castner, Committeeman from Lebanon Township and Wesley Lance of the Law Office of Hawke and Felter went before the Freeholder Board to make application for road oil for their WPA road projects. They had been informed that there was about 80,000 gallons of oil for allocation that year. Mr. Lance filed a formal request for 15,000 gallons.

In 1937 District Engineer Stone invited the Freeholders, the Press and other interested parties to take a tour of the county to see all the WPA projects. May 10th was set and the beginning of the tour was Clinton Point at 9 A.M. Passing through Hampton the Freeholders were shown two projects sponsored by the Board of Education in that Boro. WPA workers there repointed badly deteriorated brick exterior walls on the high school building completely rebuilding the chimney, painted the interior and exterior, scraped and refinished the desks and converted a basement room

into a library. Besides labor, WPA contributed 100 gallons of interior paint making a grant of \$2438.

Another project at the school was regrading of the athletic fields but funds ran out before completion of this job so more money was being sought so that the field could be used.

In the City of Lambertville WPA funds were used to dig up and resurface five streets, clean 3000 feet of Swan Creek and improve Quarry Street. A new appropriation would provide for the tarring of Lambert Street and still another project was being written for general street repairs.

Apparently the tour had not been completed for the following week another tour was held. Headlines in the local newspaper, *The Hunterdon County Democrat*, had read "WPA Grants Exceed \$143,000 in the county For Dirt Road Jobs," and now the board would again see first hand where the money was going.

County officials on the all-day tour were Freeholders George H. Bloom and John Snyder, Engineer Frank W. Bohren and Road Supervisor George Fitzer. Freeholder Samuel L. Bodine was unable to attend due to sickness in his family. Others on the tour were J. Francis Moroney of Phillipsburg, assistant district director of the WPA, Garret De Grange of Morris County, another WPA official and two representatives of the local press. Also in the party was Jacob H. Dilts of Whitehouse Station, member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from Hunterdon County.

The WPA had undertaken dirt road improvements in the seven townships which had applied for help – Clinton, Lebanon, Union, Bethlehem, Alexandria, Franklin and Raritan.

An abstract of *The Hunterdon County Democrat* excellent summary by municipality of the WPA projects is presented here.

Tewksbury Township

Cokesbury-Mountainville-Oldwick Road was improved along a 2½ mile stretch with a grant of \$14,036 for oiling and paving. Original grading had been completed in 1934 by the Civil Works Administration (CWA), another New Deal program. A small bridge was rebuilt with WPA labor and county materials. Another appropriation of \$17,308 was expected to continue the work from Mountainville toward Oldwick.

Clinton Township

Work, including grading, underdraining, new base and oiling as well as reconstruction of two bridges had been accomplished on the High Bridge-Cokesbury Road running for three miles from Stone Mill, north of High Bridge to the intersection of the Mountainville road. It was finished with a federal grant of \$12,220.

Lebanon Township

Anthony toward Califon road for 2½ miles had been graded and filled with crushed stone by Camp McMahon laborers. Either oil or clay surface would finish the job. Changewater toward Anthony Road, a 2⅓ mile stretch, was completed with oil and an extra ½ mile graded. With materials furnished by the county, the PWA (Public Works

Administration) laborers constructed 800 feet of masonry wall with concrete top along this road to relocate a stream which had seriously cut the old roadbed. It was necessary to move the creek bed 20 feet. In addition, four bridges were rebuilt. The appropriation for this section was over \$15,000.

Bethlehem Township

The Norton-Hampton back road which was used by a school bus and a mail route was newly graded and covered with cinders supplied by the township. A grant of \$12,612, originally set up as a brush cutting project, was used for grading and brush removal. West Portal-Godown's Corner Road was to be oiled and stoned.

Union Township

A complete Camp McMahon project was Route 28 at Perryville to Mechlings Corner on the Pittstown-Bloomsbury Road. It was graded, filled with field stone and crushed stone, rolled and covered with clay.

Alexandria Township

Everittstown-Bunker Road (from Everittstown to the birthplace and country home of Senator Edward P. Stout of Hudson County, Democratic minority leader at Trenton) was now stoned and ready for oil. The grant for this work totaled \$27,777 for 2½ miles.

Mechlings Corner toward Everittstown – continuing from the Route 28 Mechlings Corner stretch toward Camp McMahon, was then being worked on by camp laborers grading, draining, and filling. One small bridge had been rebuilt. The two miles towards Pittstown on the Mechlings Corner-Mt. Salem Church Road had been stoned and was awaiting oil.

Roosevelt Boulevard

The three miles of the Pittstown-Bloomsbury route ending at the cross road from Little York to Pattenburg was known as Roosevelt Boulevard "in WPA lingo" and served as the boundary between Alexandria and Union Townships. It had been given a new base, underdrained and covered with clay.

Two miles of the Bloomsbury-Hornbaker's Road winding up an exceptionally steep hill from Bloomsbury had been paved and oiled. Application had been made for \$23,000 to add to the \$17,952 already allocated for the Pittstown to Bloomsbury road.

Franklin Township

Labor and trucks were being furnished from Camp McMahon to use on the Pittstown-Baptisttown road – a continuation one mile south of the Oak Grove Grange Hall of the county road already built from Pittstown. Base stone and tar was to be provided jointly by the county and the township. The Freeholders had set up \$3000 in their budget for 1937 WPA road projects. This was to be supplemented by a \$1000 contribution from Franklin Township. The township committee also sponsored a brush cutting project with a federal grant of \$3560. They were using local relief forces augmented by a crew from Lambertville to open two miles of the Hog's Back Road from Landsdowne to Grandin.

Raritan Township

With over \$10,000 of federal money available, Raritan had just started a brush cutting job on the stretch between Sokol's Corner on Route 30 and the Flemington-Cherryville road. The township was also operating a stone crusher on Hardscrabble Hill, intending to use the product on several dirt roads.

State Institutions

The three State institutions were also among the beneficiaries of WPA funds.

"At Clinton Reformatory for Women WPA forces opened and resealed joints on the main water supply line to save a heavy loss of water, repainted the inside of one of the cottages, resloped the banks of an artificial lake on the grounds to eliminate mosquito breeding, and installed tile drainage in a meadow that can now be cultivated.

"At Glen Gardner Sanatorium the workers painted the interior and exterior of the Nurses' Home, put on a new garage roof, built a sidewalk and grubbed out poison ivy around the children's building.

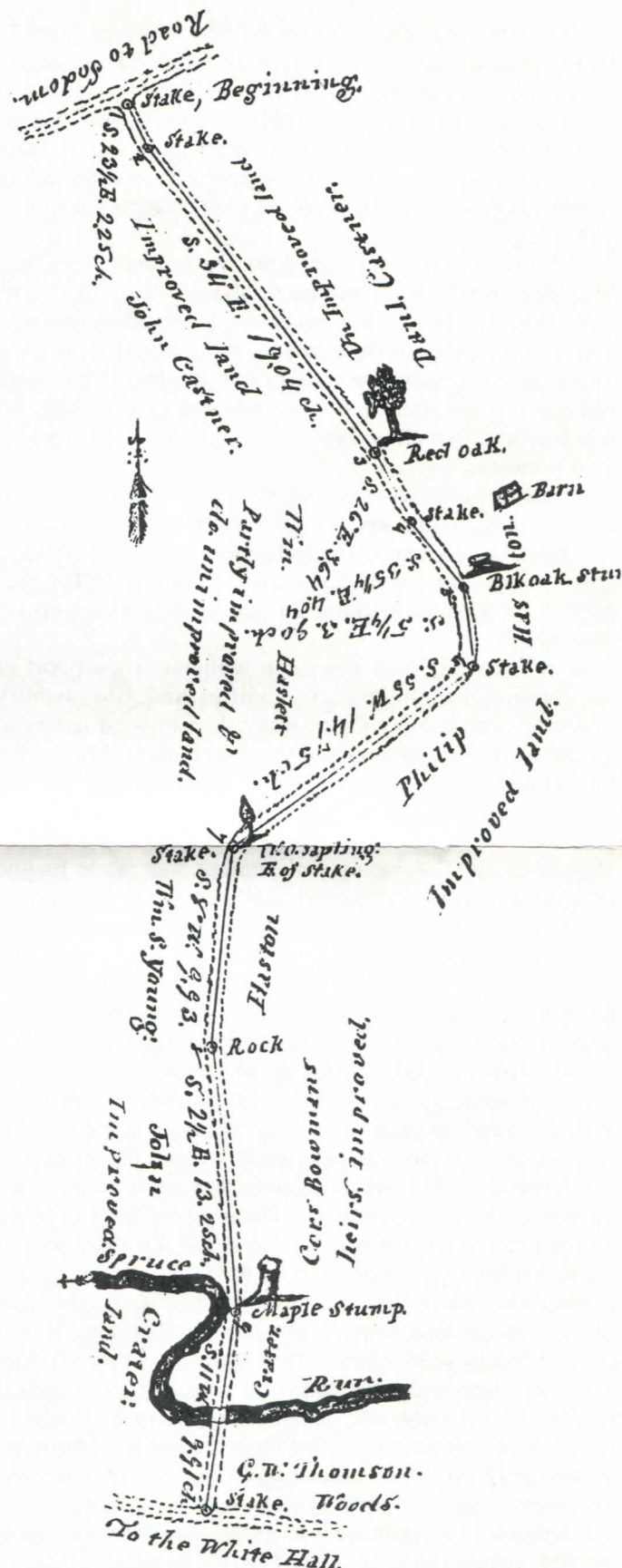
"A six-inch pipe line for water and fire protection was laid at the Annandale Reformatory for Boys."

Old Road Returns and Filing of Old Public Records

One of the suggested projects was the plotting of old Road Returns. The law formerly required that when the citizens of the County wished a new road built, twelve local landowners should petition the freeholders to view the proposed site of the road, determine the feasibility of the road so that it would cause the least damage to the adjoining land owners, and, if acceptable, make the arrangements for the road to be built. All the accompanying papers, including many maps and books, are called the Road Returns. A plotting of all known roads was undertaken but the Minutes do not make it clear if this was done with WPA funds or even at this period of time.

Besides the Road Returns many old records dating from 1714-1870 were stored in the basement of the Hall of Records under less than satisfactory conditions. It was estimated that the cost of the necessary files, sorting, indexing and filing would be approximately \$1000. In December 1936, Dr. Carlos Godfrey, Director of Public Records of the State of New Jersey, urged the Freeholders to place an appropriation in the 1937 budget to cover this expenditure.

By April 1937 the \$1000 for the indexing of the new files in the basement vault was about exhausted. Dr. Godfrey again intervened with a letter to the Freeholder Director stressing that the work should not be stopped and that an emergency should be declared and money obtained under Section 303 of the Budget Act. No action was taken. A month later Dr. Godfrey again came before the board who reaffirmed that they would not continue the work until the County Clerk made recommendations to them regarding the funds. The minutes of the Freeholders for 1937 do not indicate if funds were found but the excellent indexes are still in use today and of much benefit to historians and genealogists.



"Map of the road leading from the Sodom road near Dan'l Castner's, to the White Hall road near John Craters, in Lebanon Township, Surveyed the 24th day of February 1835 by C. Hoffman."

Hunterdon County Clerk's Office, Road Return #19-2-5

The beginning death throes of the WPA projects in Hunterdon County are seen in the 1937 Freeholders Minutes. In June word had come that the government was considering closing Camp McMahon which had 5 road projects underway. Senators A. Harry Moore and William Smathers received requests that they use their influence in continuation of the camp until the road projects were completed.

The government had notified the Freeholders that Camp McMahon would be closed on or about 1 Aug. 1937. The week after the proposed closure the Freeholders received notice that the Trenton diocese had been granted permission to continue the camp for another 6-8 months. If the camp had been closed, the County would have lost the \$65,000 which it had been allotted for the completion of the various road projects.

The Board was assured that the present camp officials would run the camp and its 123 men without any cost to the County. It was also understood that the federal government would continue to pay the wages of the men at the Camp while working on the projects as set up for that camp.

In June 1937 Union Township withdrew its support of the Sewing Room Project. Califon and Bloomsbury followed. The County Clerk was asked to send letters to all the townships to continue their support of this worthy project and a list of names of the people receiving clothing from each district was included with the letters. The Board voted to continue the Sewing Circle until the end of December 1937. A successful attempt was made to find supplies at cheaper prices and finally at the end of the year the Board voted to continue the Housekeeping and Sewing Room projects for 1938.

Mr. Terhune received permission to continue the Recreation Program by using an old jury room. This was approved until the room was needed for county agencies.

Nationally the WPA spent about eleven billion dollars and gave useful work to eight million different persons. But, the relief programs had their critics who felt that the government was encouraging laziness, that the work was not legitimate but artificial and that such large scale spending was unconstitutional. The most serious complaint was that the relief cost too much and was the most serious cause for the rise in our national debt.

The *Hunterdon County Democrat* voiced the thoughts of some in the area when it printed the following: "Unless some effort is soon made to reduce the overhead of relief agencies, they will have affixed themselves permanently to our government and become a constant source of expense. It is quite natural that those in charge of the relief agencies should be convinced of their usefulness and the necessity of keeping them going. In this they may not be altogether selfish, because it is apparent to them that many of the cases they deal with are in great distress. Nevertheless, there will always be plenty who are not worthy but are ready to fill such institutions so long as the facilities are available and those who pay the tax for their support are willing to do so."

Defenders of the New Deal relief programs pointed to the large number of valuable public works which the nation

had gained from the various projects. More importantly, many individuals, unemployed and impoverished through no fault of their own, had been saved from bitterness and loss of self-respect. Hunterdon County played its role, fifty five years ago, in our nation's recovery from war and economic depression.

Sources

1. *Hunterdon County Democrat* issues of 13 May and 20 May 1937.
2. *Hunterdon Republican* issues of 14 Aug., 28 Aug., 4 Sept., and 6 Nov. 1935, 1 Jan. 1936.
3. "Minutes of the Board of Chosen Freeholders," 1935-1938.
4. Interview with local historian, the late Edward H. Quick, Ringoes, NJ.
5. Ralph Volney Harlow and Hermon M. Noyes. *Story of America*. New York: Holt, Rinehart, Winston, Inc., Copyright 1964. pp. 659-662.

— Phyllis B. D'Autrechy



Membership Report

A warm welcome is extended to members of the Hunterdon County Historical Society who have recently joined the Society.

Virginia Bunn Smith, Stuart, FL
Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Mortimer, Stockton, NJ
Dennis P. Sutton, Severn, MD
Robert W. Van Buskirk, Indianapolis, IN
Charles F. Purvis, Jr., Ocala, FL
Russell T. Dufford, Jr., Lynchburg, VA
Dr. Evlin L. Kinney, Miami Beach, FL
Jonathan E. Davis, Pennington, NJ 08534

— Mrs. Frederick Stothoff
Membership Secretary

HOW TO JOIN

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Please enroll me as a member of your Society

Annual	\$12.00 per year
Family	\$14.00 per year
Contributing	\$25.00 per year
Sustaining	\$50.00 per year
Institutional	\$50 and up per year
Life	\$200.00
Patron	\$1,000.00 or more
Student	\$3.00 per year (18 years of age or less)
Century Club	\$100.00

for which I enclose my remittance in the amount of \$ _____.

Name _____

Address _____

Volunteers Honored at Luncheon

The Society members who give their time make a significant contribution to the Society. The Board of Trustees recognizes that these volunteers are vital to the daily operation of the Society. To honor them and express appreciation to our group of dedicated volunteers the Board hosted a luncheon for them. Everyone met at McConkey's restaurant in Flemington on Wednesday, May 23, 1990 and it was an enjoyable event. They were honored for their work on the following Committees and projects:

Linda Black photographed the Society's quilt collection in black and white and color slides for inclusion in the New Jersey Heritage Quilt Project.

Carol M. Haines is Bible Records registrar, adding to and maintaining the Society's collection, photocopying family records from all donated Bibles, typing index cards and filing in vertical file for patrons' use. Working one or two mornings a week she also clips and files obituaries of Hunterdon County people from local newspapers, continuing Frank E. Burd's obituary file.

Paulene B. Stothoff, Membership Secretary, maintains the membership records, reminding members to pay dues and depositing funds when dues are received.

Doris Volk, clerical assistant, lends a hand answering the phone, typing and/or filing as needed.

Helen S. LaRue, Society Treasurer, keeps our financial records, depositing funds that come to the Society (donations, receipts from sale of books, maps, etc.) and writing checks to pay Society expenses.

Library Research Assistants

These people are critical to the Society's library program. Each volunteer spends an afternoon a month on duty in the Deats Memorial Library assisting patrons with their research.

Ronald Schultzel	Fred Sisser III
Kathleen J. Schreiner	Mary Elizabeth Sheppard
Virginia Everitt	Jane B. Duffy
Jane Saums	Lois and Charles Dilley
Marfy Goodspeed	Stephanie Stevens

Newspaper Inventory

Society newspaper holdings were inventoried as part of a state-wide project for microfilming newspapers. Our volunteer workers verified and updated a 1977 inventory of Society newspaper holdings. They worked one evening a week for several months to record exactly what issues were in the collection.

Ted D'Autrechy	Phyllis D'Autrechy
John W. Kuhl	Fred Sisser III
George Kreutler	Roxanne K. Carkhuff

Genealogical Committee

Volunteers conduct research in the Society's collections to answer mail requesting data about former Hunterdon County people and/or families.

Mary Elizabeth Sheppard Fred Sisser III
Roxanne K. Carkhuff

Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter appears regularly three times a year because our volunteers make it happen! Walter J. "Bud" Young has been its graphic designer for at least the last fifteen years (that's 45+ issues, folks!). It's "Bud" who deserves the credit for the attractive appearance of each issue. Phyllis B. D'Autrechy is a frequent contributor of articles and an able proofreader. Roxanne K. Carkhuff serves as editor, and Marion O. Harris prepares an updated annual index.

We welcome additional volunteers for these and other HCHS projects. The more the merrier! Call 201-782-1091.



Acquisitions (continued from page 600)

Ancestors and Descendants of William Porter and wife Ann Oakey, work-in-progress by Peter Porter, New Bedford, MA. Donated by Mr. Porter, the compiler.

Photocopies of selected pages from a document entitled "Rudolf [Harley] of Amwell," written by Herbert Harley, Historian of the Harley Memorial Association 1939-1973. Donated by Willard F. Harley, Jr., President of the Harley Memorial Association, White Bear Lake, MN.

Parke Society Newsletter and Index, Volumes 1 to 25 on microfiche. Donated by David L. Parke, Reading, PA.

Miss [Alice] Skillman's diary, February 1878-June 1887, kept in a daybook previously used by an unidentified storekeeper in Hillsborough Township, Somerset County in the 1840s. Donated by Ms. Elizabeth H. Davies, Bronxville, NY.

Computer printout of Family Group Records of Budd ancestors Lavinia Budd [1749-1838] wife of William Van Horne [1747-1807]. Donated by Paul A. Schulz, St. Louis, MO.

The Burlington Town Book 1694-1785, edited by Henry H. Bisbee and Rebecca Bisbee Colesar. Donated by Roxanne K. Carkhuff, Ringoes, NJ.

History of the Eleventh New Jersey Volunteers, by Thomas B. Marbaker, 1898. Reprint with new introduction by John W. Kuhl, 1990. Donated by John W. Kuhl, Pittstown, NJ.

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